Electrification of villages

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unelectrified villages in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of efforts being made to electrify all the villages during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the amount earmarked for unelectrified villages in the Tenth Five Year Plan was fully disbursed; and

(d) if not, the quantum of amount not disbursed in this regard and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The progress report on village electrification is compiled, published and circulated by CEA. As per the progress report published by CEA 106394 villages were un-electrified as on 29th Feb. 2008. The State-wise status of village electrification as on 29th Feb. 2008, published by CEA is presented in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) For attaining the goal of providing access to electricity to all the rural households and electrification of about 1.15 lakh un-electrified villages, the Govt. has accorded approval of Rs. 28000 crore as capital subsidy for continuation of RGGVY during Eleventh Plan period in addition to Rs. 5000 crore allocated in Tenth Plan.

To achieve the target within the stipulated timeframe, the following steps have been taken.

* For effective and expeditious implementation of RGGVY, besides constant follow up & persuasion, periodic review meetings are being conducted by Ministry of Power and REC with the concerned State Govts., Implementing agencies and CPSUs for taking all suitable actions to ensure timely completion of the projects.
* The Monitoring Committee, in addition to sanctioning 235 projects for implementation during Tenth Plan period has approved 316 projects for execution during Eleventh Plan period.
* De-centralised Distributed Generation (DDG) and supply has been brought under the ambit of RGGVY with an initial allocation of Rs. 540 crores.
* Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs. 2200/- from Rs. 1500/-.

To take care of the cost escalation, cost norms for village electrification have been revised upwards.

* To ensure qualitative execution of RE works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been provided under RGGVY.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 5000 crore was allocated for implementation of Phase-I of RGGVY during Tenth Plan period. Funds under RGGVY are released in instalment commensurating with the progress reported by the implementing agencies as also fulfilment of conditionality including certification by the implementing agencies/States that 80% of the funds release earlier have been utilized. Based on the claims received from the implementing agencies/States, an amount of Rs. 4959 crore was utilized by the States implementing RGGVY during Tenth Plan period. Hence the entire amount earmarked under RGGVY for X Plan has been disbursed.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise Status of Village Electrification as on 29.02.2008 published by CEA

Sl. No.	States/UT	Unelectrified villages as on 29.02.2008
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1668
3.	Assam	5383
4.	Bihar	18395
5.	Delhi	0
6.	Jharkhand	20235
7.	Goa	0
8.	Gujarat	78
9.	Haryana	0
10.	Himachal Pradesh	312
11.	J & K	113
12.	Karnataka	356
13.	Kerala	0
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1904
15.	Chhattisgarh	867
16.	Maharashtra	5018
17.	Manipur	361
18.	Meghalaya	2354
19.	Mizoram	137
20.	Nagaland	455
21.	Orissa	20994
22.	Punjab	0
23.	Rajasthan	12614
24.	Sikkim	25
25.	Tamil Nadu	0
26.	Tripura	367
27.	Uttar Pradesh	12298
28.	Uttaranchal	680
29.	West Bengal	1605
	TOTAL (States)	106219
	TOTAL (UTs)	175
	TOTAL (All India)	106394